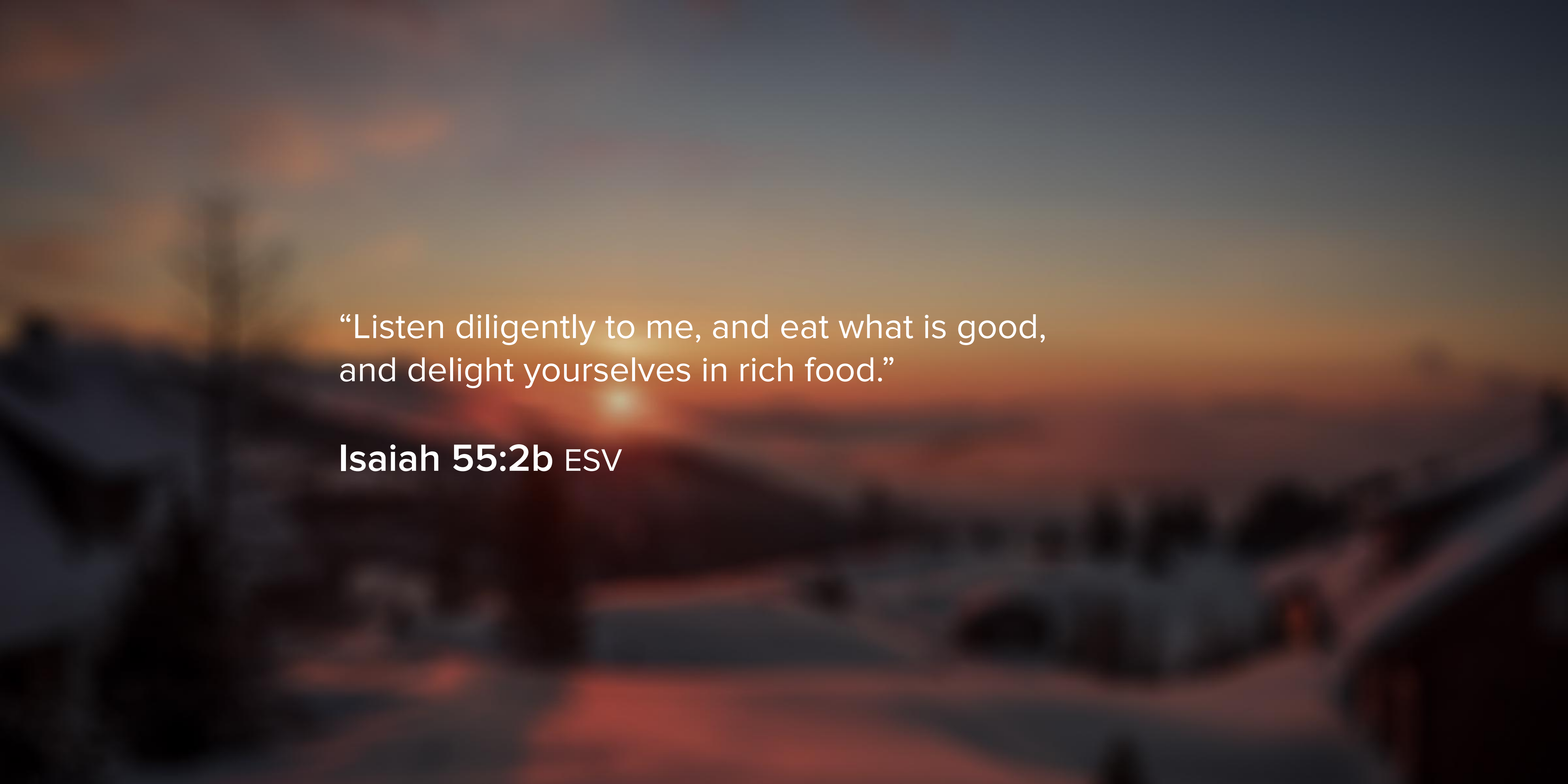


# Advent





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and delight yourselves in rich food.”

**Isaiah 55:2b** ESV

# A Loving Invitation

ISAIAH 55:1-5

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”

**Isaiah 55:1** ESV

“Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.”

**Isaiah 55:2** ESV

“Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast,  
sure love for David.”

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The steadfast, loyal, covenant keeping, sure love of God.

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**Isaiah 55:3** ESV



“Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader  
and commander for the peoples.”

**Isaiah 55:4** ESV

“Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

**Isaiah 55:5** ESV

The LORD demonstrates His  
covenant-keeping love for us by  
inviting us to His extravagant banquet.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”

**John 7:37** ESV

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

**John 6:35** ESV

*The Bethlehem Candle of Love*

## **The LORD's banquet**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

**Isaiah 25:6** ESV

## **The LORD's banquet**

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,<sup>3</sup> and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.”

**Matthew 22:2-3** ESV

## The LORD's banquet

“And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.”

**Luke 13:29** ESV

## The LORD's banquet

And the angel said to me, "Write this: **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**"  
And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

**Revelation 19:9** ESV

## The LORD's banquet

“I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

**Matthew 26:29** ESV